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Dear Allen:

The Department of State has recently been studying the problem of U.S. follow-up action on East-West contacts after the negative stand taken by the USSR at Geneva. The attached copy of a proposed telegram to Embassies London and Paris sets forth the present thinking on this problem and is largely self-explanatory.

It would be helpful, however, to receive from you an expression of the importance to intelligence of the policy on exchanges as outlined in the proposed telegram. You are aware that there naturally are factors of internal security involved, but, in weighing the policy as a whole, a statement of the advantage to intelligence would be desirable.

Sincerely,

/s/ Fisher Howe

for W. Park Armstrong, Jr.

Attachment

The Honorable
Allen W. Dulles,
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Washington 25, D. C.

State Department review completed

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